GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Budget to Education Sector
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Budget allocated to the education sector during the last three years and the current year;
(b) whether the Government is considering to achieve the level of Average International Budget for the Education Sector;
(c) if so, the details of the initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
(d) the remedial action taken by the Government to provide admission to poor students in various private institutions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a): Details of the budget allocated in the Central budget to the education during 2014-15 to 2017-18 are as under:
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(Rs. in Crore)
Year Budget Allocation
Department of Higher
Education
Department of School
Education & Literacy
Total
2014-15 27656.00 55115.10 82771.10
2015-16 26855.26 42219.50 69074.76
2016-17 28840.00 43554.00 72394.00
2017-18 33329.70 46356.25 79685.95
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(b) & (c): As per UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), Government expenditure on education as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at 3.84% in India for 2013 is comparable with those of many Asian countries such as Bangladesh (1.96%), Indonesia (3.36%), Iran (3.15%), Nepal (3.47%), Pakistan (2.50%) and Sri Lanka (1.62%) for the same year.
(d): Section 12(1) (c) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 mandates reservation in private unaided non-minority schools for children belonging to weaker sections and disadvantaged groups in admission to Class 1 or preprimary, as the case may be, to the extent of at least 25% seats and to provide free education till the completion of elementary level. 28 States/ UTs have since issued notifications for admission of children in private schools.
In order to encourage students of lower income groups for pursuing higher education, Government has introduced scholarship programmes for them to supplement the cost of education. In addition, Government has introduced a scheme for Interest Subsidy on Education Loans to enable economically weaker section students for pursuing higher professional education. The National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has been launched with the objective of making best use of ICT with the purpose of identification and nurturing of talent and life-long learning as well as extending the education facility to a larger section of people.
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